

OFFICIAL WARNING



VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

CASE NO.

FL11262

VIOLATOR

Customer # 322567

Certificate # Unlicensed

Jason Hoffman

Critter Encounters

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

32115 Red Oak Drive

Eustis, FL 32736

The Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about **February 10, 2011** you or your organization committed the following violation of Federal Regulations:

9 CFR, SECTION

Failure to

2.1(a)(1)

- **Obtain an Animal Welfare Act license when operating or intending to operate as a dealer, exhibitor or operator of an auction sale.**

2.131

(The owner was exhibiting a skunk without a valid USDA license.)

- **(b)(1) Handle all animals as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.**

(c)(1) During public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public, with sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animal and the general viewing public so as to assure the safety of animals and the public.

(A skunk bit a member of the public while being exhibited.)

Titles 7 & 9 Code of Federal Regulations were promulgated to help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases and assure the humane treatment of animals. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impact detrimental to the public interest, you are warned of this violation. Any further violation of these regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty or criminal prosecution. If you have any questions concerning this warning or violation, please contact the listed APHIS Official.

APHIS OFFICIAL (Name and Title)

C. [REDACTED] Deputy Administrator, AC

DATE ISSUED **JAN 10 2012**

FOR PERSONAL SERVICE BY: (Name and signature)

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